

First, it is respectfully submitted that each of the groups (I-VI) are properly classified in class 714, subclass 738, and that each of the groups have a similar status within class 714, subclass 738.

Second, it is respectfully submitted that a search required for each of the groups (I-VI) is not mutually exclusive. It is respectfully submitted that a search for any group would be highly relevant to the examination of claims in other groups.

For example, comparing Claim 100 (from Group I), Claim 111 (from Group II), and Claim 97 (from Group VI), it is respectfully submitted that it should be readily apparent that a search for one of these claims is highly relevant to the other two claims.

Similarly, comparing Claim 93 (from Group III), Claim 112 (from Group III), and Claim 114 (from Group IV), it is respectfully submitted that it should be readily apparent that a search for one of these claims is highly relevant to the other two claims.

Similarly, comparing Claim 95 (from Group V) and Claim 97 (from Group VI), it is respectfully submitted that it should be readily apparent that a search for one of these claims is highly relevant to the other claim.

Similarly, comparing Claim 113 (from Group III), Claim 115 (from Group IV), and Claim 95 (from Group V), it is respectfully submitted that it should be readily apparent that a search for one of these claims is highly relevant to the other two claims.

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

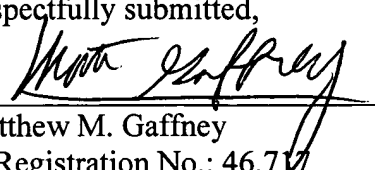
Conclusion

Applicant elects Group I (Claims 50-73, 99-100, 104, and 107) with traversal. It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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